



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 12, 2002. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler Chicks Placed Down 5 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 154 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 12, 2002. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 12, 2002 were 6.92 billion.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	28,907	27,661	*27,859	27,425	27,660	27,320
AR	29,592	28,201	29,050	28,177	*27,703	28,585
DE	3,480	3,351	3,091	3,198	3,408	3,293
FL	2,166	2,166	2,192	2,254	2,168	2,130
GA	32,029	*28,968	*30,155	29,102	29,882	29,779
KY	6,243	6,217	*5,693	6,844	6,318	5,936
MD	8,952	9,061	8,711	9,242	8,898	9,510
MS	18,251	17,502	*17,661	17,244	17,390	17,522
NC	18,074	16,240	*16,025	17,018	16,611	17,243
OK	6,685	6,652	5,975	4,013	4,631	5,498
PA	3,723	3,550	3,358	3,505	3,746	3,359
SC	4,925	4,937	4,833	4,678	4,885	4,480
TX	15,194	14,677	13,225	15,067	14,410	13,910
VA	6,342	5,809	4,987	6,104	5,751	5,729
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,473	16,833	17,036	18,756	*18,962	18,654
19 State Total	204,036	*191,825	*189,851	192,627	*192,423	192,948
Previous Year Total	198,093	194,686	199,865	201,736	205,355	196,919
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	99	95	95	94	98

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Sep 7 2002	Sep 14 2002	Sep 21 2002	Sep 28 2002	Oct 5 2002	Oct 12 2002
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	22,701	21,866	21,530	21,738	20,473	20,950
AR	23,531	24,809	24,224	23,894	22,026	23,237
DE	5,394	4,889	5,601	4,541	5,255	4,794
FL	2,222	1,938	2,228	2,110	2,278	1,939
GA	25,094	26,231	25,503	26,252	*23,634	24,806
KY	5,459	5,518	5,260	5,039	5,052	4,571
MD	6,270	6,187	5,765	5,502	4,934	4,678
MS	15,940	15,372	15,340	15,348	14,622	14,841
NC	14,700	14,308	14,240	14,070	13,357	12,503
OK	4,742	4,136	4,623	3,846	5,470	4,049
PA	2,780	2,810	2,796	2,779	2,636	2,500
SC	3,827	4,111	4,096	3,498	3,670	3,636
TX	11,423	10,572	11,173	11,883	11,822	10,330
VA	4,611	5,422	4,938	5,204	4,937	4,701
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	18,542	18,585	17,910	18,866	*16,990	16,718
19 State Total	167,236	166,754	165,227	164,570	*157,156	154,253
Previous Year Total	167,090	167,537	166,119	160,598	156,354	162,521
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	102	101	95

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